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Dear Parents/Carers



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We are nearly half way through another year at Stimpson Avenue Academy. I can't believe I have been here nearly half a term. Time has flown by and I am thoroughly enjoying my new role, getting to know the pupils, staff, parents and community.

Dates for Diary			
TERM 4	Scholastic Book Fair	01-03.03.17	3.15-5.00 pm
	Parent Consultations	01.03.17 02.03.17	3.30-5.30 pm 5.30-7.30 pm
	World Book Day	02.03.17	
	Year 1AJ Class Assembly	07.03.17	9.30 am
	Year 1AG Class Assembly	21.03.17	9.30 am
	Helping Hands Discos Key Stage 1 Key Stage 2	22.03.17	4.30-6.00 pm 6.30-8.00 pm
	EYFS Mother's Day Tea	24.03.17	2.00-3.15 pm
	Principal's Tea	29.03.17	2.45- 3.15 pm
	Spring Term: Closes 31.03.17 Summer Term: Training Day 18.04.17. Re-opens to pupils 19.04.17		



School Council

This term I have had the pleasure of meeting with the School Council, who are full of ideas and opinions. They are excellent ambassadors for the pupil body. We have been discussing different facets of school life and in conjunction with school council and staff the following has been agreed.

The Principal's Assembly has been refreshed to really celebrate the pupils' behaviour and achievement at Stimpson Avenue Academy. We have introduced Merit certificates with stickers awarded to 4 pupils from each class; Lunchtime Supervisors Top Table award; School Council Tidy Corridor Award and Pen Licence Celebrations.



Vouchers

We will again be collecting Tesco, Sainsburys and Morrisons vouchers this year. Is there anyone out there who would be willing to count our vouchers? This can be a huge task and we would appreciate it if someone could give some of their precious time to help us.



Helping Hands

I finally met the Helping Hands Committee on Wednesday. What an enthusiastic supportive group. I am really looking forward to working with them.

A newsletter from Helping Hands with up and coming events and how they are supporting the academy is coming soon.

As family and friends of Stimpson Avenue Academy, you are all members of Helping Hands. However they are always on the lookout for new committee members, people to attend meetings, organisers and volunteers for events. We really appreciate the support and wonderful resources we receive from our PTA and from your generous donations. Recently, we received funding to purchase resources to enhance our curriculum including The Romans, Mayans, Around the World, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Christianity and Sikhism.

Helping Hands and I will be holding a joint coffee morning in the near future to meet and greet as many of you as possible to discuss plans and ideas for the future success of the academy. I look forward to personally welcoming you. Details to follow.



Internet Safety Day

This was very enjoyable and successful. Chrissie Felton organised a productive day, which raised awareness of Internet Safety and gave staff the opportunity to use all the school's IT equipment. This included my son, James, a STEM Ambassador for Rolls-Royce who took Year 6 and Gifted & Talented Scratch and coding lessons. Dr Albin Wallace, from EMLC Trust, gave a very well attended and informative Internet Safety presentation to parents and staff. I am sure you will find the attached poster very helpful.

EVENTS NEXT TERM



School Photos

Tempest Photography will be arriving on 22nd February to take photographs of life at Stimpson Avenue Academy to be displayed around the school, on our website and on our digital signage. May I remind you that pupils should be dressed smartly in their school uniform.



Scholastic Book Fair: 1st, 2nd, 3rd March

It is a priority at Stimpson Avenue to inject new life into our library. New furniture has been ordered and we have asked Helping Hands to support us in this worthwhile project. Last year the Scholastic Book Fair was a well-supported occasion and with your generous support in purchasing books, we were able to bank £433. We intend to spend this money along with any other money raised from this year's book fair on much needed fiction and non-fiction books for our library.

World Book Day: 2nd March

We are busy organising exciting activities for our pupils for the week. After half term you will receive invitations from your child's class teacher to invite you to come and read your favourite children's story book to their class at given times during the week. On World Book Day, pupils and staff will have the opportunity to dress up as their favourite children's story character. More information to follow after half term.

On this day Helping Hands and the school council will be hosting a second hand book sale in the main playground **after school** and they would welcome any book donations for their sale. Proceeds from this sale will also go towards updating our library stock for your children to benefit from.



Health and Safety

May I please request, that pupils do not use cycles or scooters in the school playground. I am sure you will appreciate that we have pupils of all ages at Stimpson Avenue Academy and we would not want our pupils feeling unsafe due to the very real possibility of colliding with a bike or scooter. This will become an even greater issue as the long awaited finer days arrive, as we head towards Spring.

May I ask parents to consider the safety of all our families and to park with care at drop off and collection. Please do not park on the pavements.



Head Lice

To keep the school free from head lice we are asking for co-operation from all families.

Public health recommends the following procedures:-

- Check your child's hair at least once a week for any signs of head lice. Use conditioner and a detection comb, combing from the roots over a wide surface.
- Brush the hair daily.



Extra Curricular Clubs

We are continually working hard to organise a wide variety of extra-curricular clubs. Computer Coding for Year 4 children will start after the half term break and Atomic Science will be coming into school after half term to present an assembly to our Key Stage 2 students with a view to starting in the Summer Term. We are also working hard with Picture Train to set up the photography club.

Finally I would like to wish you all a fun-filled, yet safe half term. I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 20th February.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Milton
Principal

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

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Twitter
Facebook
Instagram
Pinterest
Google+
Tumblr
Reddit
Snapchat
Secret

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LinkedIn

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WhatsApp

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Vine
Tinder

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Path

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YouTube
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